Mr. *Fuller's* Letter

To the Right Honourable the

LORD MAYOR:

BEING AN

ANSWER

To a Late

Scandalous Pamphlet,

INTITULED,

Fuller's *Plain Proof of the True Mother of the Pretended Pr. of* Wales; *Made out to be no Proof*, &c.

With that Part of His

Majesty's Declaration,

Relating to that

IMPOSTURE,

Publish'd in *December*, 1688.

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THE PREFACE.

WHoever ſhall meet with this following Letter, I do aſſure them, it is the Contents of a Letter I carry'd to the preſent Lord Mayor; and foraſmuch as what is contain'd in my former Books, will be ſhortly made as apparent, as the Nature of the Subject can poſſibly afford, or be reaſonably required, by a ſufficient Number of Witneſſes, and a large Number of Letters, prov'd Authentick; I deſire all impartial Perſons to take Notice, That the true Copy of my laſt Book has been much abus'd by being printed only in part, in a ſingle Sheet, which had not the Te-

stimony of several material Passages, nor the Observations, which renders the Truth most apparent; so I have order'd the true Book, intituled, A Plain Proof of the True Father and Mother of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, by several Letters, &c. *Printed for my self, to be Sold with this Letter only by* Mrs. Eliz. Harris, *Bookseller, at the* Harrow, *in* Little-Britain: *And my former Books, publish'd in* 1696. *are only truly to be had at Mrs.* Ann Baldwin's, *in* Warwick-Lane.

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To the Right Honourable the

Lord Mayor, &c.

SIR,

THERE having been lately ſpread abroad a moſt ſcurrilous and ſcandalous Pamphlet, intituled (*Fuller*'s *Plain Proof of the True Mother of the Pretended Prince of* Wales; *made out to be no Proof*:) I think my ſelf much obliged, in Duty to my preſent King and Country, to make a ſhort Reply to the baſe Suggeſtions of that malicious Author who

who makes bold grosly to reflect on the Government under a false Notion of a Well-wisher to his Country, and a specious Pretence of vindicating Truth (as he terms it) whereas his main Intention is to vindicate the Legitimacy of that horrid Impostor the Pretended Prince of *Wales*: For were this Gentleman, what he pretends to be, a Friend to Truth and Honesty, or a Well-wisher to the Protestant Religion, certain I am, he wou'd not take such Pains to expose his Folly and ill Nature with worse Breeding, by bantering Truth with scandalous Reports and forged Imaginations of his own inventing; like that most wicked lying Book, intituled, *My Life*, printed some Years since by *A. Ropper*, and writ by *Elcanah Settle*,

Settle, the latter of which has many times before Witneſs begg'd my Pardon for it, and own'd that the greateſt Part of that Book was the Invention of his and the Printer's Brain to get Money: And this Book is that Life of mine which this late ſcribling Author takes notice of, ſaying, I have read his Life too late to be in Love with his manner of Living; and what he next charges me with, of a Deſign of getting Money from your Lordſhip for my Dedication, I do humbly aſſure your Lordſhip is falſe; the only Ambition I had next to the Publick Service, was the Honour your Lordſhip's and your Worthy Brethren, the Right Worſhipful, the Aldermen of this City would do me, in favouring me

me with the Reading of my ſaid Book. And though the preſent Government has no Occaſion at this time to fear any Danger from that Pretended Prince or his highly bigoted Party; yet, ſurely, it cannot be amiſs to let the World know from whence that Impoſture ſprung: That this Information was no ſooner given, is an Inquiry eaſily enough reſolv'd by aſſerting the true Cauſe, which is our preſent Government's gracious Diſpoſition and Readineſs to paſs by the greateſt Affronts and Injuries, as our Great and Good King has ſo bravely done, even to the Admiration of his very Enemies. And in this Caſe, I am very ſure, His Majeſty knew the Management of this Supoſititious Birth long before I came into his Majeſty's Ser-

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vice, and had both the Letters and Informations of a great many Persons of Note, plainly discovering the same, as witness His Majesty's Declaration, when Prince of *Orange*, in *December*, 1688.

But to Crown all, there are great and violent Presumptions, inducing us to believe, that those evil Counsellors, in order to the carrying on of their ill Designs, and to the gaining to themselves the more Time for the effecting of them, for the encouraging of their Complices, and for the discouraging of all good Subjects, have publish'd, That the Queen *hath brought forth a* Son; *though there have appear'd, both during the Queen's pretended Bigness, and in the Manner in which the Birth was managed,*

ſo many juſt and viſible Grounds of Suſpicion, that not only we our ſelves, but all the good Subjects of this Kingdom, do vehemently ſuſpect, that the Pretended Prince of Wales *was not born by the Queen. And it is notoriouſly known to all the World, that many both doubted of the Queen's Bigneſs, and of the Birth of the Child, and yet there was not any one Thing done to ſatisfie them, or to put an end to their Doubts.*

And ſeveral Perſons have been examined upon the ſame, as Captain *Wright* and others, I formerly mention'd, as is very well known to the Greateſt Men at Court; which is ſo apparent, that no leſs than the Inſolent Aſſurance of a very ſcandalous Noble-------, or a moſt infamous Non-

Non-juring Parſon (one of which we ſuſpect our late Author to be) could ſo openly dare preſume to aſſert, that there is no Proof but mine; whereas it is evident, that there is a greater Number of Witneſſes by far, to prove almoſt every Particular, which I have ſet down, than there was to prove the pretended Prince's Birth. And I hope it will not be long e're thoſe Witneſſes are call'd, that the World may ſee how much my Adverſaries are in the Wrong: But I ſhall beg your Lordſhip's Patience, whilſt I further anſwer briefly his chief Objections againſt my Teſtimony, and the Truth of the Letters.

As to the Firſt, He tries to invallidate my Aſſertions, by ſaying, I am a notorious Lyar, and

was discredited by the House of Lords and Commons; whereas my Business was never yet in debate in the House of Lords: And it is evident, that I never was Sentenc'd by them, nor my Testimony refus'd: And as for the Displeasure that I incurr'd from the House of Commons, the Occasion is manifestly known to have proceeded from a Stratagem contriv'd at the Court of St. *Germains*, to work my Ruine, and was managed by Col. *Dalleval* and Mr. *Hays*, Two Agents of that Court, who pretending to serve the present Government, easily prevail'd on the Immaturity of my Judgment, so that I foolishly engag'd to the House of Commons for their Appearance: And I have sufficiently prov'd they came to *England*

land accordingly, and were in the Lobby of the Houſe of Commons, on *Monday* the 22d of *Febr.* 1692. at 9 a Clock in the Morning, and being call'd for a ſhort time after, were not to be found; tho' ſince it is demonſtrated by many Witneſſes how they got off to *France*, and continue there. And this is the true Cauſe of my lying under the Cenſure of the Houſe of Commons, for which I ſuffer'd, which has given the Enemies of the Government occaſion baſely to magnifie the Matter, and to make this Overſight of mine (occaſion'd meerly by want of cautionary Advertency) appear as the higheſt Crime imaginable. But Thanks be to God, there is already landed, or hourly expected a Gentleman from *Holland*, who ſerv'd in the

the Court of St. *Germains* at that time, and was privy to the whole Matter; and I ſhall ſpeedily convince the World, how far I was from endeavouring to impoſe any Falſities on the Government; nor did I ever in my Life make Oath againſt Perſon or Perſons, who was not fairly convicted, and afterwards of his, or their own accord, did frankly confeſs all that I alledg'd againſt them to be truth. And to prove this my Aſſertion, I do humbly appeal to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, to the Lords and others of His Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy-Council, and the Judges of this Land, who ſat in the Courts where my Teſtimony was given. And if what I affirm in my own behalf be not really and ſubſtantially true,

true, I desire to be punish'd with the uttermost Severity imaginable. Only thus much I do own, that after the Delivery of my own positive Information to the House of Commons, upon my being a third time call'd in, I did deliver a List of Names of several Great Persons, which I took from a pretended Address at St. *Germains*, as I had it from the late Queen's own Hand; but I never did directly, nor indirectly charge any of those Noble Persons or others with the Knowledge of, or the Signing of the said Address: For I do solemnly declare before God and Man, that I do believe that Address was forged in *England* by Mr. *Ashton*, and two or three more of the late King's Friends, and sent into *France*, in order to impose

impoſe on the *French* Court, by endeavouring to make their Intereſt in *England* ſeem much Greater than it was (as thro' God's great Mercy) Experience has ſhewn them.

But to return to our unknown Author, he charges me next with Forgery, and would inſinuate as if thoſe Letters were of my own Invention; but, to his Confuſion be it known, the Originals are yet in the Hands of the Government, and above 200 more, which will be ſuddenly expoſed alſo, and the greateſt Part of them I never ſaw until after they had been in the King's and the late Queen's (of ever bleſſed Memory) Cuſtody ſome time, nor did I, to my Knowledge, ever know or ſee the Gentlemen that ſent them

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to their Majeſties: And as for their being truly writ by the late King *James* his Queen and Miniſters of State, I dare affirm to all the World, that there is not a more infallible Judge, nor do they better know their own Writing, than his preſent Majeſty does; ſo that he has no need of Forgery, or any other baſe Stratagems (as uſed in the late Reign) to mantain his Truth and Glorious Cauſe, neither is it poſſible to deceive His Majeſty's Judgment in ſuch Matters. And as for that Letter of Mr. *Carrell*'s, which our Author takes moſt Notice of, that is ſtill in being with the reſt, and was in the Hands of the Government ſome time before the King ever ſaw my Information, and was ſent by Perſons of Honour

that took it out of the Dutcheſs of *Tyrconnell*'s Trunk, as is plainly proved beyond any Pretence or Queſtion. As for my being guilty of Forgery, I am verily perſuaded, that every one that converſes with me, and with humble Submiſſion I may ſay, what ſeveral Miniſters of State have obſerv'd, that I could neither alter my Hand-Writing, nor ſpell tolerable *Engliſh*, ſuch a Blockhead I freely own my ſelf: And for what he ſuſpects, that I put the Letters into the D. of *Tyrconnel*'s Trunk, it muſt needs be falſe; for I was at that Time in *England*, it being not many Days after Mr. *Crone*'s Tryal; that the ſaid Letters were taken out of the Trunk in a Day or two after the Fight of the *Boyne*. But this Gentleman cannot pretend

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to diſprove me; and as he will ſay ſomething to oblige his charitable Benefactors the *Jacobites*, I can eaſily forgive his ſcandalous Aſpertions ſo far as they extend only to my own Perſonal Concern; for I am as ready to confeſs and forſake my unhappy Folly in the Immature Management of my private Concerns, as he is to accuſe me. And as I have ſerved the Government, which this Author (though ſaucily) cannot but own, by reaſon one of the beſt and worthieſt of Men His Grace the Duke of *Shrewsbury* has certified it, and the moſt intelligible Part of the Nation knows it; ſo I will never endeavour, either publickly or privately, to impoſe any Untruths on any Man; and however he ridicules my Depoſitions,

I am ready to make Oath, that all I have affirm'd in my late Book, intituled (*A Plain Proof of the True Father and Mother of the Pretended Prince of* Wales, *&c.*) to the beſt of my Knowledge, is Truth; and I declare alſo, that I will freely offer my ſelf to the ſevereſt Death that can be invented, provided I prove not the Contents of the ſaid Book to be Truth by many Witneſſes, whenever the great Wiſdom of the Nation thinks fit to require it, and more ſure cannot be deſired.

This Author is not only content to invalidate me, but he baſely reflects on Two Gentlemen in *Ireland*, of noble Families, and known Honour and Integrity; as alſo on their Ladies, who are by all eſteem'd Ladies of unblemiſh'd

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Reputation; on theſe, I ſay, he, without any Ground, caſts his inſolent Suggeſtions, by reaſon they honeſtly atteſt what they know concerning that Part of the Management of this Impoſture, which was manag'd in *Ireland*. I wonder much he does not (if his Printers dare put it to the Preſs) invent ſome new Aſperſions againſt the King and his Miniſters, which, if *I* am not miſinformed, is no new thing either to the ſaid Author, his Printer *B----ll*, the Bookſeller in *Fleet-ſtreet*, and the Publiſher.

I humbly beg your Lordſhip's Pardon for detaining you ſo long, which *I* have done to convince the World, that what *I* have dedicated to your Lordſhip is worthy your taking notice of; and as that

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ſcandalous Pamphlet againſt the Government and my ſelf, is publiſh'd by Mr. *Nutt*, and printed by the moſt famous Jacobite Printer of the City, *I* wiſh them no other Puniſhment but the true Mark of what they are. *I* am,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt Humble Servant,

Octob. 19, 1700.

W. Fuller.

POSTSCRIPT.

BEfore and ſince my publiſhing the laſt Book, I have had ſeveral Letters ſent me from unknown Hands, warning me to deſiſt from this Subject, threatning a ſevere Puniſhment that ſhall otherwiſe ſpeedily fall on me: And tho' I little regard

regard them, yet I cannot omit taking Notice of a Letter ſent, as we have ſeveral Reaſons to believe, from the Author I have been juſt now anſwering, to Mrs. *Snowden*, who prints the *Flying-Poſt*, upon her Advertiſement of my Book in the ſaid News-Paper, which put the poor Woman into no ſmall Fright; and the other News-Mungers were fearful to mention my ſaid Book, for fear of being thought *Williamites*, or as they frankly own'd, to diſoblige the *Jacobites*. The Letter is as olloweth:

Mrs. Snowden,

YOU may aſſure your ſelf to be very well whipp'd, if not hang'd, between this and May *next, for your great Care in inſerting the Advertiſement concerning His Royal Highneſs the Prince of* Wales; *and this is only that you may timely perſwade the Raſcal* Fuller *to be ready to ſtand your Friend. I pitty you, that at this Time, when neither Knave nor Fool doubt the Birth of His Royal Highneſs, you and your Rogues ſhould; and I will now certifie you, that your unfortunate Rogues could never have taken ſuch a Time to abuſe that Prince, that not only*

only all the Princes in Europe *acknowledge Legitimate, but our Great Council never doubted it; for if they had, it would be a Thing of great Moment. Can you or your Fools and Rogues charge the Parliament with so great Neglect in so great Points? And you may know* Fuller, *a perjured Rogue, who expects Bread from abusing the Weakest; it is too late, the Eyes of the People are open, and see better than that poor Wretch your Husband did, when he swore* Anderton's *Letter to the Murder of an honest Man, when afterwards it appear'd to be Mr.* Newbolt *and Mr.* Butler *that printed the Paper. Lament your poor lost Husband and encourage no such Villany; and consider 'tis forbidden to slander your Neighbour, much more your Prince. You may with your perjur'd Rogues expect your Reward here. After God forgive*

Oct. 8. 1700. Your Monitor, *D. B.*--

I am in Haste, for I am sending your Advertisement to His Royal Highness his Father and Mother, as well as to his Highness, who will with Laughter pronounce your Reward.

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